(b) how many complaints are still pending for disposal;

(c) the reasons for the pilling up of cases before the National Human Rights Commission; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to clear the cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As reported by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), 703 complaints were received from the State of Karnataka during the year 2001-2002 and 368 complaints have been received from 1.4.2002 to 31.10.2002.

(b) Out of 703 complaints received during 2001-2002, 403 complaints have been disposed of. The remaining 200 complaints are pending disposal. Out of 368 complaints relating to 2002-2003, 213 complaints have been disposed of and remaining 155 complaints are pending for disposal.

(c) While the number of complaints have gone up over a period of time, disposal of complaints has been affected for want of prompt and full response to the notices of the Commission by the concerned authorities. In some cases, the complaints themselves do not furnish the required informaiton sought by the Commission on time.

(d) The Commission has been pursuing with various State/Central Government authorities for the reports pending from them in all the cases expeditiously so that they are promptly processed and disposed of.

Talks with extremist groups in N.E.

1560. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been trying to hold talks with the extremist groups in the States of the North-Eastern regions;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to enter into a dialogue with the leaders of the militant groups creating distrubances in Tripura;

(c) if so, the progress made so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Government is committed to restoration of peace in the North-East and has extended and invitation to all those who have strayed form the paths of togetherness to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of the Constitution. However, no militant gorups operating from Tripura has come forward in this regard.

Lifting of ban on NSCN

1561. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to lift the ban on the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NSCN has agreed to hold further talks with the Government without any pre-condition for restoration of normalcy in the North-Eastern Region; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the other State Governments of the North-Eastern Region would be consulted before the ban on NSCN is finally lifted and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Notification under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 declaring NSCN including all its factions, wings and front organizations as unlawful association has expired on 26-11-2002. NSCN (IM) have presented a set of proposals which in their opinion would form the basis for discussions to achieve a comprehensive solution to the Naga problem. It would not be in the public interest to reveal details in this regard at this stage.

Establishment of FLEA

1562. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Federal Law Enforcement Agency (FLEA);